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West Virginia Couple in Custody After Man Walks into Occupied Residence/Vehicle Pursuit

WARRENTON – Sheriff's deputies and detectives are investigating a West Virginia man and woman after receiving a 9-1-1 call about a man walking into an occupied residence. At noon today, Tuesday, March 24, 2020, a woman on Myriah Court in the Cedar Knolls subdivision off of Dumfries Road called 9-1-1 and reported a man in his twenties had walked into her home. She stated the man did not knock and walked in the door, when questioned he stated he was there to change an oil filter in her car.

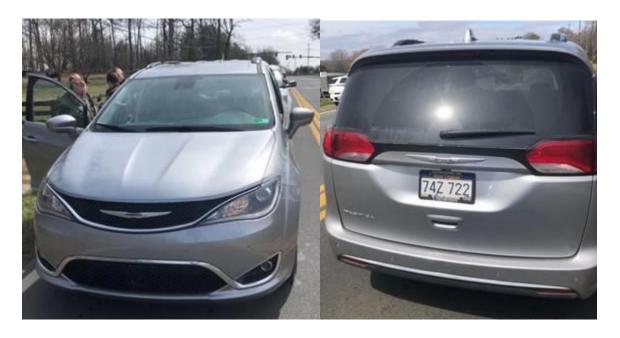
The caller reported the man left on foot toward Dumfries Road. A neighbor reported seeing the man wearing a white or gray sweatshirt with black markings and saggy blue jeans get in a silver/gray mini-van driven by a female.

A deputy on Dumfries Road located the van driving east toward Route 28. The van stopped and the female exited the passenger side and the van continued driving east. The deputy attempted a traffic stop and the van continued without stopping.

At Greenwich Road the van drove through the parking lot of Dumfries Market, through the grass and back onto Dumfries Road heading west. The van encountered a road block near Rogues Road and came to a stop. The male driver, matching the earlier description, was taken into custody and detained. The female was located near Rogues Road and was also taken in custody and detained.

This incident is currently on-going. The van is believed to be stolen from West Virginia. The male and female are believed to have travelled to Fauquier County from the Berkley Springs, West Virginia area. It is believed there is stolen property in the van and it is further believed these individuals went to other residences and businesses in the area and removed property.

The man and woman have not been positively identified at this point. Anyone who encountered a silver/gray Chrysler Pacifica van occupied by a white male wearing a sweat shirt and jeans and a white female on crutches with dark hair, wearing a black sweat shirt and black sweat pants is encouraged to contact: Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, 540-347-3300.



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